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Draw Plans For Distribution of U. S. Equipment

Schedules of distribution for Pennsylvania's share of the fire equipment, medical supplies, helmets and armbands to be provided from the recent \$100,000,000 Federal appropriation are being worked out by the State Council of Defense under instructions from the O.C.D.

This equipment will be distributed first to those target areas which authorities at Washington have special reasons for safe-guarding.

"After this distribution," said Dr. A. C. Marts, executive director of the S.C.D., "it is the hope and desire of the State Council of Defense that some items of equipment can be sent to every Council of Defense in the Commonwealth.

"That depends entirely upon how much protection these target communities will require. No one knows the answer to that at this time. Meanwhile, each Council of Defense in Pennsylvania may be assured that the State Council of Defense is doing its utmost to see that all Councils receive some needed assistance from this distribution."

VENANGO CHAIRMAN

H. L. Buchanan, 1340 Elks Street, Franklin, has been named chairman of the Venango County Council of Defense, filling a vacancy caused by the resignation of H. L. Leyda, also of Franklin.

MOVIE TRAILER

A one-minute movie "trailer" showing Pennsylvanians what to do when an air raid alarm sounds is being released to theaters this week by the State Council of Defense.

Complete with sound and animation, the trailer opens with a screaming air raid siren and then pictures people getting off the streets, pulling window shades, turning out lights, and taking other prescribed precautions.

Twenty-six prints of the trailer have been purchased by the S.C.D. and will be shown principally in metropolitan areas, starting in the eastern part of the state.

118,000 Insignia Ordered

Local Councils of Defense in 31 counties have obtained authorization from the State Council of Defense for orders totaling 118,357 civilian defense insignia.

Different insignia ordered and authorized in the 31 counties are: 109,692 armbands, 6,174 lapel buttons, 1,091 decalcomanias, 1,260 auto insignia plates, and 140 auto flags.

Proper procedure for Local Councils of Defense to follow in obtaining insignia is to forward original orders to Thomas E. Kilroy, finance officer of the S.C.D., specifying the company from which the purpose is to be made. Mr. Kilroy then authorizes shipment by the company.

Insignia orders authorized to date, by counties, are:

Adams—1100 Armbands; Allegheny—41 Armbands, 21 Lapel Buttons, 2 Decalcomanias, 12 Auto Insignia Plates; Armstrong—50 Auto Insignia Plates; Beaver—20 Armbands; Berks—2542 Armbands; Blair—283 Armbands; Bradford—300 Armbands; Bucks—260 Armbands; Butler—1000 Armbands, 87 Lapel Buttons, 6 Decalcomanias, 6 Auto Insignia Plates; Cambria—1384	Armbands, 9 Lapel Buttons, 100 Auto Insignia Plates, 100 Auto Flags. Centre—40 Armbands, 20 Auto Insignia Plates; Chester—4868 Armbands, 209 Lapel Buttons, 82 Decalcomanias, 185 Auto Insignia Plates, 40 Auto Flags; Columbia—800 Armbands; Cumberland—31 Armbands, 24 Decalcomanias; Dauphin—650
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Governor James, chairman of the State Council of Defense, and Mrs. William J. Clothier, a member, are pictured above with members of the S.C.D. staff following a staff meeting last week-end in the Capitol.

Left to right: Bottom row—Mrs. E. A. Van Valkenburg, field representative; Miss Cecile Kennedy, liaison officer, Red Cross; Dr. A. C. Marts, executive director; Mrs. Clothier; Governor James; Dr. Paul Dodds, chief medical officer; Col. Henry Reninger, liaison officer; Capt. Ralph Flinn, chief air raid warden.

Second row—George Lowe, office of Rationing Administrator; Dr. Fred W. Hosler, chief of training; Thomas Frye, in charge of emergency police applications; C. W. Bennett, regional representative; Capt. Byron Ball; Thomas E. Kilroy, finance officer; Col. Ralph Mitchell, regional representative; Mrs. Kathryn Flohr, field representative; Miss Helen Ettinger.

Third row—John Hermansen, training supervisor; Dr. Stephen B. Sweeney, associate chief of training; George Livingston, director of mailing; Harry Hirsch and Richard Mehling, regional representatives; Joseph Hutchinson, research officer; Bayard Maust, regional representative; Ralph Alexander, priorities officer; William Anderson, state commander, Civil Air Patrol.

Top row—Dr. Wynn Fredericks, director of physical fitness; A. L. Cotton, regional representative; A. Boyd Hamilton, secretary of S.C.D.; John G. Watson, regional representative; Col. William Pierce, liaison officer; J. Paul Pedigo, secretary to the Governor; R. V. Wall, publicity director; Mrs. Jean D. Doverspike, director of speakers' bureau.

Air Raid Bills Pass First Test

Both Houses of the General Assembly gave final approval this week to identical Air Raid Precautions Bills which would give State, Local and District Councils of Defense definite powers during war emergencies.

An amendment, which provides that "no rule, regulation or order shall become effective unless and until it shall have prior approval of the State Council of Defense," was added to the House measure to make it conform to the similar bill introduced in the Upper Chamber. Introduced by Representative Francis X. McClanaghan, Philadelphia, the House measure was approved by a

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OUR ONE PURPOSE... TO WIN THE WAR

By A. C. MARTS,
Executive Director

There need be no uncertainty or confusion in the minds of the citizens of Pennsylvania regarding the purposes and plans of the State Council of Defense in this Commonwealth. We do not have any elaborate program or any far-away goals. We can state our purposes in practical and direct terms.

The purpose of the State Council of Defense is to help America win the war. Our main function in this war effort is to teach the people of Pennsylvania how to save their lives and property from enemy attack from the air. To this end we are enlisting 700,000 volunteers throughout the state as Air Raid Wardens, Auxiliary Firemen, Emergency Medical Service workers and in 13 other Corps and are training these volunteers, giving them practice in their duties, and awarding each volunteer an armband with the insignia of his or her corps.

We are helping the citizens of Pennsylvania to become strong and effective, and to throw their weight into the war. They are collecting scrap with which to make munitions, they are raising Victory Gardens for food, they are showing boys and girls how to become physically fit, they are learning how to make the best use of materials and food.

Every single thing the State Council of Defense undertakes to do is measured by this one test, "Will it help win the war?"

NUTRITION EXHIBIT

The Advisory Victory Garden and Consumer committees of the S.C.D. have cooperated in placing a special nutrition exhibit in the reception room of the S.C.D. headquarters at the Capitol.

County Salvage Weeks Planned

County Salvage Weeks are being planned in Pennsylvania to step up interest in the long-term program to save and return to industries all waste material vitally needed in the war.

The plans were outlined at a State-wide rally of chairmen of County Salvage Committees held in Harrisburg last week-end by the Advisory Salvage Committee of the S.C.D. Each county is to conduct its own Salvage Week sometime before the middle of April.

Governor James, principal speaker at the rally, told the more than 300 persons attending to:

"Gather the waste of our Land—the waste that makes the difference between victory and defeat. There is nothing in America that cannot be made use of in this crucial hour."

Dr. A. C. Marts, executive director of the State Council, declared that everyone should "dig the scrap out of cellars, backyards and attics and put it in the hopper of production of tools of warfare for our boys at the front." An appeal for full effort in the program was voiced also by Secretary of Internal Affairs William S. Livengood, Jr., a member of the S.C.D.

John S. Rice, chairman of the Advisory Salvage Committee, emphasized that people must not get the impression that the Salvage Weeks would end the work of keeping waste material flowing regularly back into industry. Instead, they are intended to develop full impetus behind the program.

The S.C.D. has appointed the following to serve on the 16-member Advisory Committee, filling the places of two members who resigned because of additional duties: Harry Holiday, Butler Division, American Rolling Mills Co., and Professor R. U. Blasingame, Pennsylvania State College.

Chairmen of 64 County Salvage Committees; reported by County Councils of Defense, are:

Adams, O. H. Benson; Allegheny, Henry J. Yute; Armstrong, Meyer Greenbaum; Beaver, Edward Wallover; Bedford, Leslie Blackburn; Berks, A. J. Stratton; Blair, John E. Rhodes; Bradford, Romeyn F. Culver; Butler, W. H. Weihe; Cambria, Howard B. Knepper; Cameron, John H. Hathaway; Carbon, A. O. Hokenson; Centre, W. P. Campbell; Chester, J. I. Hoffman; Clarion, W. O. Mong; Clearfield, A. W. Lee; Clinton, Robert L. Hulsizer; Columbia, H. Boyd Hagenbuch; Crawford, J. George Heckman; Cumberland, Mrs. Jessie Scott; Dauphin, Albert S. Schmidt; Delaware, Ernest Hibberd; Elk, L. C. Straessley; Erie, Roy T. McDonald; Fayette, Harry Isabell; Forest, R. J. Harman; Franklin, Benjamin L. Heffner; Fulton, Joseph Shelley; Greene, Harold Dulaney; Huntingdon, John M. Smucker; Indiana, D. D. Patterson; Juniata, Herbert R. Miller; Lackawanna, Roy W. Voris; Lancaster, Earl F. Rebmam; Lawrence, R. D. Rosenberger; Lebanon, Lloyd W. Boyer; Lehigh, Reuben Ringen; Luzerne, John Hewitt; Lycoming, John

T. Burnite, Jr.; McKean, Robert P. Habgood.

Mercer, R. S. Arthur; Mifflin, Walter B. Wilson; Montgomery, J. G. Ludwick; Monroe, Claude Metzgar; Montour, Cameron Kneidler; Northampton, Stanley C. Smith; Northumberland, William Deutsch; Perry, Sanford Gantt; Philadelphia, Howard Medholt; Pike, John Lohmann; Potter, Howard B. Lincoln; Schuylkill, George Derbes; Snyder, A. Bahner; Somerset, Clyde Bounds; Sullivan, Raleigh Benleisch; Susquehanna, Ernest C. Benninger.

Tioga, Mrs. Claude E. Bennet; Union, Mrs. J. Orin Oliphant; Venango, Norman A. Davis; Warren, Mrs. E. P. Wroth; Washington, Earl C. Kurtz; Wayne, Fred Kimble; Westmoreland, J. H. McKee; York, William S. Grove.

Salvage Scraps

Johnstown policemen have salvaged 308 pounds of lead bullets from their target range, sold the lead, and used the money to purchase 4500 rounds of new ammunition and 250 new targets . . . Boy Scouts in Bloomsburg, Danville and Berwick have collected 116,000 pounds of waste paper since Jan. 1 . . . the Philadelphia Police Department is considering salvaging valuable metals in pinball machines seized as gambling devices . . . T. A. Doeblner, chairman of the rural unit of the Clinton County Salvage Committee, reports that 307 tons of scrap material have been collected from farms since Feb. 1 . . . the Washington County Salvage Committee has received an offer of use of trucks for collecting salvage by the County Truckers' Association . . . 139,595 pounds of scrap metal, enough to build four medium tanks, has been collected by school boys in Sharon . . . regular collection of waste material by borough trucks has been started by the West Chester Council of Defense . . . The York County Salvage Committee recently held a "Scrap Iron Week" to stimulate the saving of waste material . . . Allentown's salvage program has yielded about 50,000 pounds of metal scrap this month . . . Future Farmers in Lawrence County are asking farmers to fill out a questionnaire listing year and model of any machine about to be junked so parts may be salvaged to help others fill in needed parts for old farm machinery . . . wrecking operations be carried out at an obsolete plant of the Lehigh Portland Cement Co. at New Castle are expected to yield 1500 tons of scrap metal . . . Discarded piano boxes, painted red and provided with a large slot, are being used in Williamsport as receptacles for small pieces of scrap . . . the Allegheny County Council of Defense, on April 11 and 12, will stage a house-to-house canvass for waste materials . . . proceeds go to the County Council . . . a two-day salvage drive by the Columbia Council of Defense of Lancaster County netted 9 tons of old newspapers, iron and other waste material . . .

Volunteer Units Enroll 275,000

Total enrollment of volunteers in Citizens' Defense Corps units has passed the 275,000 mark in Pennsylvania, and a number of counties report their Air Raid Warden and Auxiliary Police units already at full strength.

Counties which report Air Raid Warden units already fully manned include Adams, Blair, Bucks, Columbia, Dauphin, Lebanon, Lehigh, Luzerne, Lycoming, Mifflin, Monroe, Philadelphia, Pike, Schuylkill, Snyder, Venango, Warren, Washington, Wayne, Wyoming, and York.

In some cases, the enrollment of Air Raid Wardens and Auxiliary Police exceeds the county's estimated needs, and it is probable that some of the enrollees will be shifted to other corps.

The state-wide totals reported as of March 1 in the various corps follow:

Air Raid Wardens	99,467
Auxiliary Firemen	45,635
Auxiliary Police	35,488
Bomb Squads	546
Decontamination Squads	564
Demolition-Clearance	8,219
Drivers Corps	9,049
Fire Watchers	8,827
Feeding-Housing	5,184
Emergency Medical	12,406
Messengers	10,726
Nurses' Aides	8,997
Rescue Squads	9,855
Road Repair	10,321
Staff Corps	10,353
Total	275,637

11,000 EMERGENCY POLICE COMMISSIONS ARE ISSUED

Thomas D. Frye, who is in charge of the State Council of Defense division handling applications for Emergency Volunteer Police Officers, reports that 44,000 application blanks have been sent out to date and that 11,000 commissions have been signed by Governor James.

The commissions are issued under a war-time Act of 1917 which empowers the Governor to commission volunteer police officers for industries and municipalities.

LIPSTICKS FOR WARDENS

A lipstick will be necessary equipment for air raid wardens in Lancaster County.

The County Council of Defense explains that the lipstick is not for any beauty "makeup" but will be used by the air raid wardens to identify persons injured if bombs fall. The letters "TK" marked on a person's forehead with lipstick will mean that a tourniquet has been applied, while the letter "U" will mean that the injured person must be rushed to a casualty station or a hospital immediately.

Want To Test Your Knowledge? Try This Air Raid Warden Quiz

"Air raid wardens should guard such places as lumber yards, filling stations, oil tanks and frame buildings because (1) they are more valuable, (2) they are needed for national defense, or (3) they will burn easily and rapidly."

That's a sample of a "true-or-false" quiz compiled and given to air raid wardens by Dr. G. S. Backenstoe, of the Health Division of the Emmaus Council of Defense. Eighty-five per cent of the air raid wardens of this Lehigh County community passed the 13-point test with percentages of 85 or better.

The wardens were required to cross out false statements in such puzzlers as these:

"A warden's duties primarily are (a) destructive, (b) protective, or (c) demolition."

"When an alert signal sounds, a warden should go to his post and: (1) urge people on the

streets not to form crowds, (2) direct traffic to go slowly on the right side, (3) shout for help as an example to the people, (4) run for his child in school, (5) clear the streets, (6) prevent people from leaving homes and shelter, (7) run over to help in the next sector, or (8) turn on the lights so people won't fall."

"When the 'all clear' sounds, the warden (1) goes home for coffee and sleep, (2) keeps people from rushing out of shelters until the non-existence of time bombs, unexploded bombs, or gas bombs has been determined, (3) criticizes the telephone company and others, (4) finds temporary homes for those shelterless, or (5) screams at the lack of perfection of all auxiliary services."

Copies of the quiz may be obtained by writing to T. R. Gardner, chairman of the Emmaus Council of Defense.

16 Doctors Take War Gas Course

Two physicians who were sent by the State Council of Defense to the University of Cincinnati to take a post-graduate course in medical aspects of poison gas have returned to Pennsylvania, and 14 other physicians are being selected to go to Cincinnati for the same study.

"As rapidly as they return," Dr. Paul Dodds, Chief Medical Officer of the State Council, announced, "these physicians will make themselves available to the County Medical Societies so that their knowledge of this subject may reach as many physicians as possible."

The purpose of stressing the care and treatment of gas casualties, he said, is to be fully prepared in the event our people are subjected to chemical warfare.

Dr. Dodds announced also that he has sent questionnaires to all Pennsylvania hospitals of 50 beds or more inquiring whether they have blood or plasma banks. The results of the survey will be used as the basis for a comprehensive program for providing blood and plasma reserves at strategic points in the state.

PLAN VICTORY SHOW

Exhibits showing Council of Defense activities will be the highlight of a Defense for Victory Show to be staged at the Harrisburg Y.M.C.A. on April 16, 17 and 18. The State Council of Defense is cooperating by providing a growing model of a Victory Garden and a display of incendiary-fighting equipment.

The show will start off with an outdoor exhibition of how to extinguish incendiary bombs.

PLAN JOINT MEETINGS ON AID TO FARMERS

Arrangements made by the State Council of Defense and the Pennsylvania Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs for sportsmen to assist farmers in harvesting their crops will be carried a step farther at county meetings starting this week.

Sportsmen's Clubs and County Agricultural Defense Committees will hold joint meetings in each county to work out detailed plans by which sportsmen can relieve the farm labor shortage. The clubs have a membership of more than 100,000 in the state.

The general plan was drawn up by the S.C.D. and the Sportsmen's Federation in January and approved by Secretary of Agriculture John H. Light.

COUNCIL ENDORSES RETAIL CAMPAIGN

Pennsylvania shoppers are being urged to "Carry Packages Home" to save trucks, tires and paper used in store deliveries.

Through the medium of newspaper advertising, a campaign is underway under auspices of the Pennsylvania Retailers' Association, cooperating with the State Council of Defense. The advertisements carry the name of the State Council of Defense and all copy is approved by Dr. A. C. Marts, executive director.

Rationing of tires and trucks makes it of utmost importance for stores to conserve present delivery equipment, while paper shortages require savings wherever possible. John E. Meams, of Lancaster, secretary of the Retailers' Association, declared.

USE OFFICIAL NAME

Councils of Defense are reminded that their official name under the State Council of Defense Act is "The Council of Defense of" The word "County" or "Township" is added in the case of County and Township Councils.

Instances where Councils are using unofficial and confusing names, even on their letter-heads, have been noted by the State Council of Defense, and this practise is being actively discouraged.

Uniform terminology, if used throughout the state, will help to eliminate confusion in the public mind and will strengthen the efforts of all Councils of Defense.

URGE WARNING DRILLS

How long does it take your Air Raid Warning Center to alert all the agencies on its warning list?

That is a question which the State Council of Defense feels should be checked at regular intervals by each County Chief Air Raid Warden. Repeated drills are recommended so that the time lag can be continually lowered.

Victory Garden Ventures

High school students in Sayre are planning their own Victory Garden project . . . In Lock Haven, property owners and tenants having any available land suitable for gardens have been asked to turn the information over to the Victory Garden Committee . . . The Reading-Berks County Council of Defense passed on tips for amateur gardeners at two meetings . . . The Mifflin County Victory Garden Committee, headed by Mrs. T. O. Williamson, is issuing all bulletins from the S.C.D. and Pennsylvania State College to prospective Victory Gardeners . . .

A series of lectures on prevention of waste of fertilizer, chemicals, seeds and insecticides, has been held by the Radnor Twp. Victory Garden Committee . . . Produce from community-sponsored Victory Gardens in Northumberland County will be used for school lunch projects and emergency needs . . . The York County Victory Garden Committee is making a canvass to learn how many intend applying for a Victory Garden certificate, the intended increases in area of established home and commercial gardens, areas of sod land which will be plowed, and the amount of seed and fertilizer needed .

Garden Supply of Seeds is Ample

An added drive to enroll Victory Gardens in Pennsylvania is being made as the season for planting vegetables and fruits, needed to bolster food stocks depleted because of large shipments to men in our own and Allied forces, approaches.

The need for more gardens was emphasized by Mrs. H. B. Eliason, chairman of the Advisory Victory Garden Committee of the S.C.D., who reported that the U. S. Department of Agriculture has warned that its estimate of farm gardens for 1942 is falling below expectations.

Dr. Warren B. Mack, executive secretary of the committee, declared that official surveys show there will be no shortage of seeds, fertilizer or garden tools.

Chairman of County and Local Victory Garden Committees have received from the State Council of Defense sample news releases and radio scripts which are being used to step up interest in enrollment of Victory Gardeners.

Further organization of County Committees includes appointment of the following chairmen:

Mrs. David S. Gaston, Allegheny; Claude R. Yerger, Armstrong; Leslie Blackburn, Bedford; Herman Good, Berks; Glenn Bressler, Blair; Miss Helaine Littleman, Bucks; the Rev. H. W. Logan, Clarion; George Gumm, Clinton; Carl M. Davis, Columbia; Miss Jeanne Adams, Juniata; Mrs. Edward H. Kent, Luzerne; H. J. Rice, McKean; D. Lee Mohny, Mercer; Mrs. T. O. Williamson, Mifflin; William M. Glebe, Monroe; Ross Kleinstuber, Pike; Howard Hendricks, Susquehanna; Oscar Lange, Wayne, and Mrs. C. B. Heinly, York.

118,000 INSIGNIA

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Armbands, 30 Lapel Buttons, 200 Auto Insignia Plates; Delaware—9853 Armbands, 87 Lapel Buttons, 24 Decalcomanias, 10 Auto Insignia Plates; Erie—7 Armbands.

Franklin—731 Armbands, 10 Lapel Buttons, 11 Auto Insignia Plates; Huntingdon—26 Armbands, 6 Lapel Buttons; Lebanon—584 Armbands, 626 Decalcomanias; Lehigh—4000 Armbands, 36 Lapel Buttons; Luzerne—25 Armbands; Lycoming—22 Lapel Buttons; McKean—442 Armbands.

Montgomery—29,531 Armbands, 964 Lapel Buttons, 307 Decalcomanias, 452 Auto Insignia Plates; Northampton—2980 Armbands; Northumberland—95 Armbands; Philadelphia—50,979 Armbands, 4715 Lapel Buttons, 20 Decalcomanias, 55 Auto Insignia Plates; Pike—100 Armbands; Schuylkill—3 Lapel Buttons, 50 Auto Insignia Plates; Westmoreland—100 Auto Insignia Plates.

AIR RAID BILLS

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unanimous vote and will go to the Senate for further consideration. The Senate bill, presented by Senator John M. Walker, Allegheny, was approved and sent to the House.

The first of the identical bills to gain approval of both the House and Senate will go to Governor James for his signature.

News From Local Councils

Business-like bulletins issued by the Lancaster County Council of Defense carry the latest data and information to persons active in Civilian Defense . . . the latest bulletin advises that the fire-fighting film of the S.C.D. is available, that the Salvage and Victory Garden Programs are under way, the names of chairmen of local physical fitness committees, and news of the Red Cross Mobile Unit.

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The Medical Committee of the Ashland Council of Defense sponsored a demonstration of the use of pulmotors, gas masks and inhalators for all persons assigned to Civilian First Aid Post there.

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Mayor J. Brady Marble, chairman of the Washington County Council of Defense, reports that major coal companies of the county have offered use of inhalators, gas detectors, oxygen tanks, and gas masks for any emergency, also the services of 5000 men schooled in first aid instruction, 200 trained to handle oxygen tanks, and 100 men trained in rescue work.

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The Mercer County Council of Defense has asked the Pennsylvania Power Co. for a report on how to extricate persons from elevators that may be caught between floors when power is shut off during an air raid.

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The Recreation Committee of the Harrisburg-Dauphin County Council of Defense has been responsible for obtaining 3500 dance partners for men in the military service at nearby camps and has sponsored 60 dances and 32 entertainment programs . . . The committee also issues a monthly recreation program to keep soldiers advised of the entertainment schedule.

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Thirty-one churches and organizations have offered the use of their kitchens and social rooms to the Pottstown Council of Defense in case of an emergency.

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A "surprise" practice call by the Red Cross Motor Corps of the Upper Darby Council of Defense was sent out one Saturday near midnight with these results: 14 women, receiving the emergency summons, arrived at Red Cross headquarters in from 4 to 25 minutes despite the fact that the call found one taking a bath; another attending a theatre, several asleep in bed, and one busy frying chicken for a midnight snack.

Questionnaires seeking information on whether households have garden hose, a long-handled shovel, a ladder, fire extinguisher, sand, cots or extra beds, first aid kit, and extra blankets, are being sent out by the Wilkes-Barre Council of Defense for pertinent information in case of air raids.

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A service station proprietor has donated a red coupe to the City of Jeanette for use of the fire department and the Council of Defense—in civilian defense activities.

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Harrisburg Councilmen have authorized the purchase of 28 sirens for an air raid alarm system which, when installed, will take the place of steel mill whistles and fire house sirens which proved unsatisfactory . . . the West Chester Council of Defense staged a test of a police car siren, electrically amplified and broadcast from the top of a bank, as an air raid alarm but found it ineffective . . . one seven and one-half horsepower siren and two two-horsepower sirens have been purchased at a cost of \$830 by the Hanover Council of Defense . . . Haverford Twp. Council of Defense has constructed a new whistle-siren alarm on top of the police station at a cost of \$1700 . . . it is expected the alarm will be heard for a radius of seven miles . . . Reading has installed a new siren which, when tested, could be heard a mile away . . . Eight air raid warning sirens were tested in Washington, Pa. recently . . . A new 500-horsepower siren successfully passed its test in Bethlehem as the official air raid warning alarm.

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Illumination of a large clock installed almost a half-century ago in the tower of St. Mark's Church in Altoona will be eliminated for the duration of the war, the Council of Defense has announced.

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Dr. J. E. Hugus, chairman of the Snyder County Council of Defense, announced that civilian defense operations in the first two months of the year cost the county \$322.

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The Tarentum Council of Defense, in organizing its Messenger Corps, is forming a bicycle brigade of boys and girls 15 years of age or over who will be used in keeping contacts open between civilian defense units . . . the Johnstown Council of Defense is enrolling young men and boys who own either bicycles or motorcycles into a bike corps

4 Counties Plan Joint Blackout

A four-county blackout test and numerous county-wide practice blackouts are included in the number authorized by the State Council of Defense in recent weeks.

The S.C.D. has given permission for the counties of **Northumberland, Union, Snyder and Montour** to hold simultaneous blackout tests on Saturday, April 11, from 10 to 10:15 o'clock. Permission has also been given the following counties to hold county-wide blackouts: **Westmoreland**, March 16, 9:30 to 9:45 p. m.; **Monroe**, March 23, 10:00 to 10:15 p. m.; **Clinton** and **Lycoming**, March 24, 9:00 to 9:15 p. m.; **Northampton**, March 26, 10:00 to 10:15 p. m.; **Berks**, April 21, 10:30 to 10:45 p. m.

Individual communities which staged blackout tests this month included: **Curwensville, Ephrata, Matamoras, Milford, Lampeter, Lebanon, Connellsville, Strasburg, Quarryville, Marietta.** In addition, **Spring Grove** has been given permission to blackout on April 6.

Joseph P. Sheridan, chief air raid warden of **Westmoreland County**, advised the S.C.D. that the March 16 practice blackout in that county, covering 1339 square miles and including 23 townships and 41 municipalities, was "99.2 per cent effective" and that "violations were trifling."

Edward L. Freeman, chairman of the **Honesdale** Council of Defense, reported that the Honesdale test of March 15 was "very successful."

BASIC INSTRUCTION MANUAL PREPARED

First copies of the "Basic Courses" Instruction Manual for use in the Council of Defense training program in Pennsylvania are expected to come from the printer early next week.

The manual, 100 pages long, will be used by instructors throughout the state to instruct volunteers belonging to the 16 Citizens Defense corps units. Instructors are being recruited now by County Directors of Civilian Defense Schools.

New Councils

Pennsylvania in the last three weeks has added 64 Councils of Defense to its Civilian Defense program, bringing the statewide total to 777 Councils.

Among chairmen of new Local Councils of Defense organized recently are:

Cambria County, Upper Yoder Twp., Robert Claycomb.
Chester County, Tri Twp., William G. Ward.
Cumberland County, East Pennsboro Twp., W. R. McNeal.
Juniata County, Delaware Twp., Paul Smearley, and Fayette Twp., Mr. Writer.
Montgomery County, Plymouth Twp., Edward M. Hawes.
Northumberland County, Snyder Borough and Rush Twp., Grant Herb; Shamokin Twp., Harold F. Bonno, and Zerbe Twp., Ed J. O'Rourke.
Schuylkill County, Cumbola, Ray Gibbons, and Ringtown, J. W. P. Burke.

30,000 CERTIFICATES AWARDED MONTHLY

First Aid certificates are being awarded at the rate of 30,000 a month in Pennsylvania, Miss Cecile Kennedy, liaison representative from the American Red Cross to the S.C.D., has announced.

Miss Kennedy said that at this rate one million First Aid certificates will have been issued by June 1, the goal set for this state. She also declared that 15,000 Red Cross instructors are busy in Pennsylvania as compared to 62,000 in the entire United States.

First Aid instructors' courses have been scheduled as follows:

March 30—Meadville, Johnstown, Lebanon, Hazleton, and Vandergrift.

April 6—Oil City, Grove City, Lock Haven, Honesdale, Vandergrift, and Shamokin.

April 13—Mt. Union, Montrose, Franklin, Monessen, and Carlisle.

April 20—Wellsboro, Susquehanna, Indiana, DuBois, Chambersburg and Donora.

April 27—Wellsboro, Gettysburg, Brookville, and Indiana.

May 4—Lewistown and Harrisburg.

Camera Clubs Offer Help

Possibility of assistance of local camera clubs to their Councils of Defense has been called to the attention of the State Council of Defense by H. M. Traugh, chairman of the Defense Cooperation Committee of the Harrisburg Camera Club.

Pointing out that photography could "assume a vital role in the publicity and instructional phases" of the Civilian Defense Program, Traugh said that "coordination of photography as a

phase of the Defense Program should be relatively simple."

"In practically all communities there exists fine photographic talent, both professional and non-professional (amateur) and in most large cities there are one or more camera clubs," he declared in a letter to the State Council.

Traugh added that already several local Councils of Defense are using members of camera clubs in furtherance of defense work.